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c.1855-1880's

319-301 E. Cross St. (South side)/1127-1129 Hall Alley (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

Although a number of houses were originally built along the south side of the 300 block of E. Cross St. in the 1830's or earlier, none now survive in their original condition, if at all. The block is improved mainly with late Victorian style houses. At 313-319 E. Cross St. there is a group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in 1877-1878 by Joseph Thuman, a local house carpenter. At 309 E. Cross St. (to the west of Hall Alley, which runs down the center of the block), there is a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice, which may, however, represent a remodeling of the original 1830's-period brick house known to have existed on this site. At 305-307 E. Cross St. there is a pair of late Victorian style two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs but no extant roof cornices. Finally, at 303 E. Cross St., there is a three story, two bay wide brick house and at 301 E. Cross St., a three story, three bay wide brick house, both of which have shed roofs but no extant roof cornices. These latter two houses seem to represent post Civil War remodelings of original gable-roofed houses built on the site about 1855. At 1127-1129 Hall Alley there is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, set on high basements, which are typical of the type of small alley house built for low-income families in the 1850's and 1860's. The houses are the only surviving houses along this block of Hall Alley, which was originally improved with a number of such houses.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1127-1129 Hall Alley

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

___ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___ YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: awaiting restoration

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This pair of two story brick gable roofed houses occupy the site directly behind 1124-1126 Riverside Ave., the unusual one story high, gable roofed houses built in the 1850's. This pair is probably contemporary with the pair on Riverside. They are the only surviving houses in Hall Alley.

The houses are two stories in height, 13' wide, and occupy lots 34' (1127) and 38' (1129) deep. Each house is two rooms deep and there are no rear additions. The houses are constructed in common bond, but the facade of 1129 has been covered with stucco. The steeply-pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice. Each house has a double rectangular chimney located on both the front and rear roof gable. Those at 1127 are on the north side of the house; those on 1129 are on the south side of the house.

The door and window openings of 1127 Hall Alley have new vertical stretcher lintels and brick header sills. The lintels at 1129 Hall Alley have been covered with stucco but the original wood sills remain. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. 1127 Hall Alley has a multi-light glass and panel door, with lower wooden panel; 1129 Hall Alley has a late Victorian four panel door. Both doors are set beneath single light transoms. The houses sit on very high basements, the entrances being reached by seven stone steps each. Each house has a rectangular basement opening located beneath the first floor window.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1850-59

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Peter Hupp?

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of houses is important as representing the only surviving alley houses on Hally Alley, which originally had a number of such houses lining this side of the street. The houses are typical of the type of two story, gable-roofed house built in the southern section of Federal Hill in the 1850's and 1860's to serve as inexpensive housing for the influx of newly arrived immigrant families seeking work in harbor-related activities. Most such houses were held as rental property by the owner and many were located along narrow alley streets, such as these are. In terms of design the houses are basically the descendants of earlier Federal-style working class housing built in the early decades of the century, but without the usual dormer story of such houses. The houses are quite small, with two rooms on each floor and a centrally located, tightly winding, narrow staircase. The kitchen is located in the high basement, and originally had an entrance leading to it directly from the street.

The houses seem to have been built by Peter Hupp, the builder of the two houses on the east side of the lot which originally extended from Hall Alley through to Riverside Ave. (See under 1124-1126 Riverside Ave. for further details.)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 13' x 34'; 13' x 38'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

EYEWITNESS

ON SITE

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles4/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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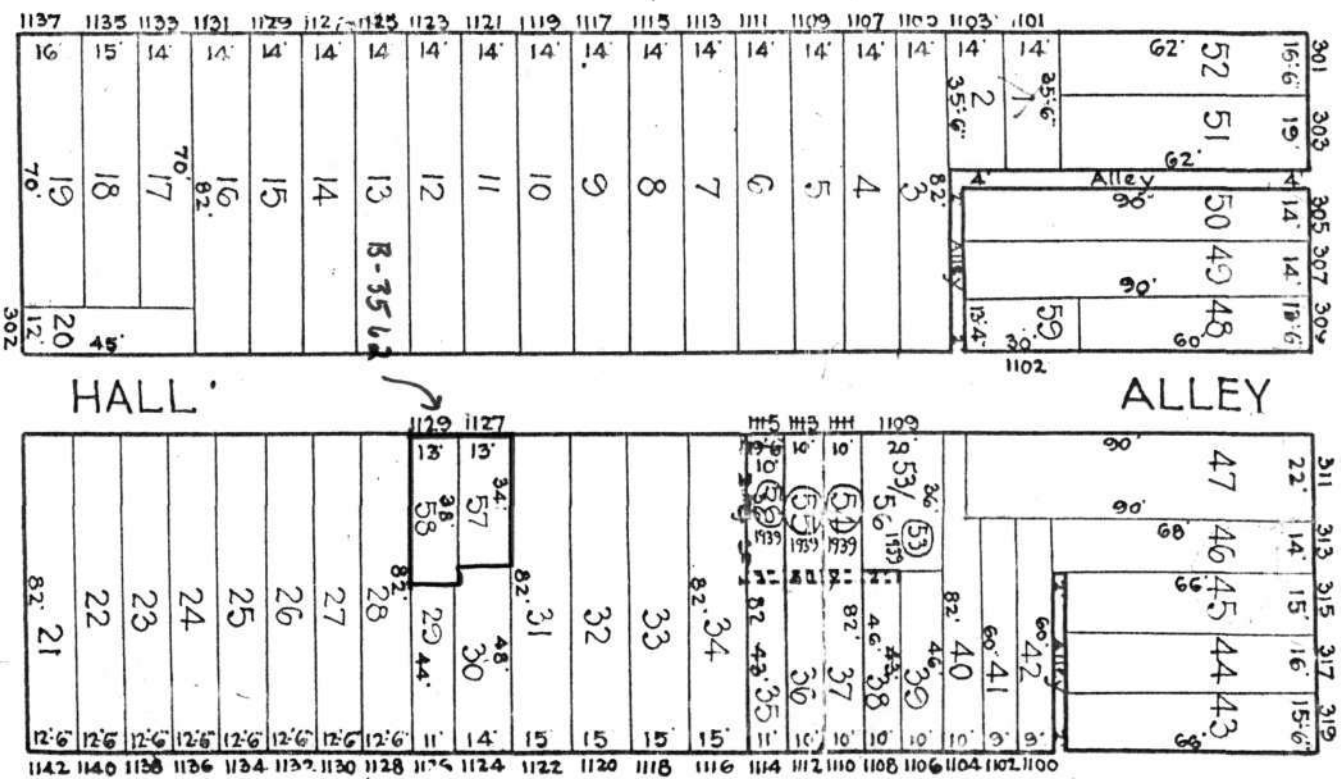
ALLEY

BATTERY

HALL

RIVERSIDE

E. WEST



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West elevation